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Dear Br. Phelps

I know not by what authority Br. Bendict opened your letter to me for information relative to a second case of ministerial delinquency in this region. I never told him I knew the parties, or the particulars of the case. All I know is the following. Mr. Wheeler of the Illuminator told me that a minister, not far from Boston an abolitionist, & orthodox too, had been guilty of seduction. That he had been to see him & the girl, & had proof positive of his guilt. He did not name to me either of the parties. I have heard no doubtful intimations however that the clerical gentleman is no other & no less than the said Rev. Moses Thatcher of Wrentham. I conclude that Mr. Wheeler referred to him. Though I will not be positive. If so you will judge whether it is any great loss to abolitionism or orthodoxy. This is all I have to say, because all I know.

I hear Br. Phelps, that you intend to settle in the ministry again soon. Have you thought of Westborough, Millbury, &c. I name these places because I hear that you prefer the County, & because I wish very much that you would come this way. Since Br. Lee left, I have felt alone, & like having two more "Re cues of all the Chinooks" I mean the may do best here that we Institute.

My matrimonial concerns are still in an unsettled state, but I trust will not be long.

Yours affec. E. D. Moore.